UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 2/26/75

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF JOHN NICHOLS, M.D., REGARDING JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS

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Attached to this memorandum is a copy of a letter containing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from John Nichols, M.D., received on 2/20/75. Also attached is a copy of a teletype containing an additional item to be included in his request. We have had considerable correspondence with Dr. Nichols in the past, the last being on 1/13/75, at which time he was advised we would process his request under the amended FOIA after its effective date if he so desired.

We have pending a similar request from Harold Weisberg with regard to neutron activation and spectrographic analysis data. Weisberg's request, which is now in the form of an appeal from earlier correspondence, is still in the hands of the Justice Department. Correspondence is being prepared by the Department to him which will in effect refer him back to us since the Department's position is his appeal was premature.

By memorandum from Mr. M. E. Williams to Mr. White dated 1/24/75, the Laboratory Division identified the data pertinent to the Weisberg request for the spectographic and neutron activation testing and advised concerning problems of reproduction and cast factors.

The Laboratory Division is requested to review the Nichols request and comment concerning each of the six items as to whether the answer is available, and if so, provide proper response and location of any documentation necessary.

Enc. [illegible]

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1 - Mr. White
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. McCreight
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Re: Freedom of Information Request
of John Nichols, etc.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Laboratory Division furnish Legal Counsel Division, FOIA Unit, the above requested information in order that a reply can be furnished to Dr. Nichols.